

Virginia's Great Progress in Agriculture Is Shown at State Fair

POULTRY FANCIERS FIND MUCH TO INTEREST THEM

State Fair Has Most Complete Exhibit of Poultry Ever Seen Here.

DUCKS HAVE CONCRETE POOL

Collection of Plymouth Rocks Large. Game Bantams Attract Much Attention—Many Varieties of Imported Chickens on Exhibition.

Poultry raisers and fanciers of game chicks are finding much to interest them in the exhibits this year, which occupy every foot of space in the poultry building.

Some of the finest specimens of feathered bipeds seen here in many years are among the entries. The collection of Plymouth Rocks is large. It includes barred, white, buff, partridge and Columbian.

There are many species of Wyandottes. These include silver, golden, white, black, buff, partridge and silver-penciled fowls.

In the Asiatic class are light and dark Brahmas; buff, partridge, white and black Cochins; black and white Langshans.

The exhibit of Mediterraneans embraces brown, white, black, buff, silver, duck-wing, rose comb and brown rose comb Leghorns, black, rose-combed and white Minorcas, blue Andalusians, white-faced black Spanish, mottled Andalus and silver and gold Campines.

In the English class are white, silver, gray and colored Dorkings; single comb, buff, black and white Orpingtons; rose comb red caps, and dark, white, faced and red Cornish fowl.

In the Polish class are exhibited white, crested black, golden bearded, silver bearded, white bearded, buff laced, golden, silver and white birds.

FINE EXHIBIT OF GAME BANTAM CHICKENS

The Dutch class includes gold penciled, silver penciled, white and black Hamburgs.

Among the French birds are mottled Houdans, black Crevecoeurs, black LaFleches.

The exhibit of game bantams shows some fine specimens of black-breasted, brown-reds, golden duckwing and silver duckwing fowl.

In the Oriental class may be found black Sumatras, red Malays and Malay bantams.

Among the ornamental bantams are golden and silver Sebrights, white and black rose-combs, light and dark Brahma, buff partridge, white and black Cochins, black-tailed, white and black Japanese and bearded and non-bearded Polish fowl.

Some pretty-colored peafowl are shown, and there are some splendid specimens of the pheasant—gold, silver, Reeves and gray birds.

The bare-neck variety is a curious lot, but no less eccentric in appearance than the frizzles and silkies, chicks that are much of the fluffy-ruffles type.

DUCKS AND GESE

There are red, yellow and splashed Carneys, blondettes, turkeys, English ducks, Jacobins, Archangels, blue bar runs, red dragons, English pointers, fowls and many other varieties.

DUCKS AND GESE SHOWN IN WATER

Ducks and geese are shown in a spacious pen adjoining the poultry building. There is an excellent variety of stock, which includes Pekin, Aylesbury, Rouen, Call and Cayuga ducks, also Indian runners, crested whites, muscovys, blue Swedish and buff Orpingtons; Toulouse, Embden, African, brown Chinese, white Chinese and Egyptian geese.

THE WATERFOWL AND GENERAL POULTRY EXHIBITS WERE VIEWED BY THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE YESTERDAY.

BRILLIANT SKIES MAKE FAIR SUCCESS

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grand stand held its breath, while the human ring around the race track gasped wonderfully upward. Time after time the darling man that guided the birdlike machine turned a backward somersault, and each time the aeroplane regained its wonted equilibrium. Six times Art Smith performed the feat and then flew easily downward to face the applauding crowd in the grand stand.

THE FLIGHTS WILL CONTINUE THIS AFTERNOON AND TO-NIGHT.

FLAGS IN SMOKE SHOWN BY FIREWORKS

The Dardanelles, immediately preceding the star grand-stand attraction, again succumbed to the terrific onslaught of the bursting forces. Again in mimic battle the dream of a world-wide dominion went up in smoke amid the rattle of small arms and the thunder of heavy artillery.

The heaviest applause during the fireworks display came when the Stars and Stripes and the Stars and Bars of the Confederacy joined together and, totting from the same flagstaff, were depicted in fire. Round after round of applause greeted the fiery union of the once bitterly antagonistic emblems.

Other attractions of the evening, each accorded its full measure of praise, were as follows: Maud de Lora, the Novi Sisters, the Marco Twins, Skatelli Troupe, Major Bennett, Misses Vandense and Reinart, singers; the Manchuria Troupe, the Maori Sisters, Duttons on the Track, Will Robins, Adelaide Circus, the Adams Troupe, the Quinceys and the Dayton Family.

The matinee performance to-day will be the same as that yesterday.

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SAYS WOMEN MAKE MEN GIVE UP LIFE ON FARM

J. D. Eggleston Tells Demonstration Agents of Hardships of Country Living.

PRaises COUNTY INSTRUCTORS

Conveniences in Home of Farmer as Much Needed as Modern Machinery for Tilling Soil or Other Methods in Agriculture.

Before the county demonstration agents of Virginia and a large number of spectators in the auditorium of Murphy's Hotel last night, President J. D. Eggleston, of Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, urged that conveniences in the homes of the farmers would do more for the "Back-to-the-Farm" movement than any other agency. The former State Superintendent of Public Instruction did not express his idea in just those words, but he made it plain that the women on farms should be considered in the advancement of the agricultural interests of the State.

In discussing the matter Mr. Eggleston said that the farmers had twentieth-century machinery for the cultivation and harvesting of their crops, while the conveniences in the average farmer's home was of the thirteenth-century variety. His idea took well with his audience, and was heartily endorsed.

SAYS WOMEN MADE THE MEN LEAVE THE FARMS

"The women make the men leave the farms," said Mr. Eggleston, "because the conveniences are such that they are not satisfied. If the wives and daughters of Virginia farmers are satisfied with their environments, it will be of great importance in the agricultural development of the State."

The session last night was one of a series which is being held at Murphy's auditorium during the State Fair in order to acquaint the county demonstration agents with the men who are willing to support them in their efforts to improve agricultural development in Virginia. To-night the county agents will speak for themselves and detail their experiences, their troubles and what they hope to accomplish.

George H. Stevenson, an expert from the United States Department of Agriculture, spoke on the value of the county fair from an educational standpoint. He asserted that while many fairs tend toward the amusement feature, it had been proved that the educational value was of great importance.

SPEAKS ON VALUE OF COUNTY DEMONSTRATION WORK

Jesse M. Jones, field agent of the Federal Department of Agriculture, in charge of the demonstration agents in Virginia, Maryland, Kentucky and West Virginia, made an address on "How County Demonstration Agents Can Do the Most Effective Work."

Mr. Jones said that they should not only be good mixers in the communities in which they were located, but that they should know how to mix sympathetically. They should be interested in every public improvement, and he cited good roads, schools and other matters of civic interest which appeal to the public.

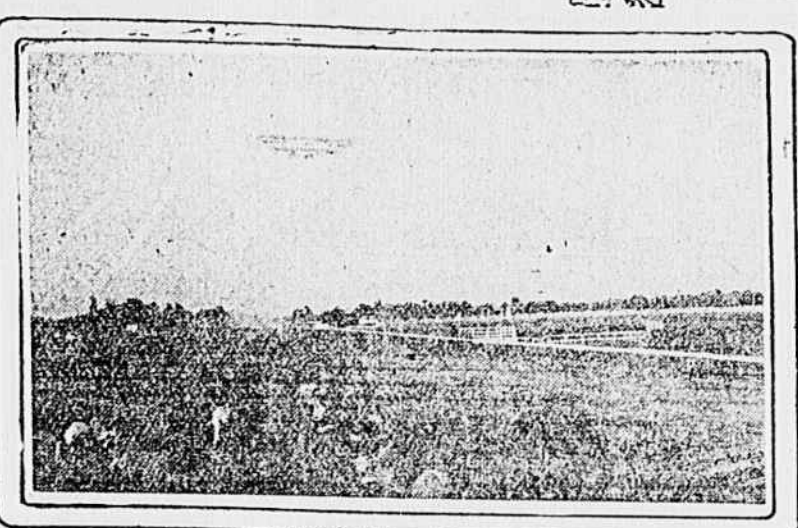
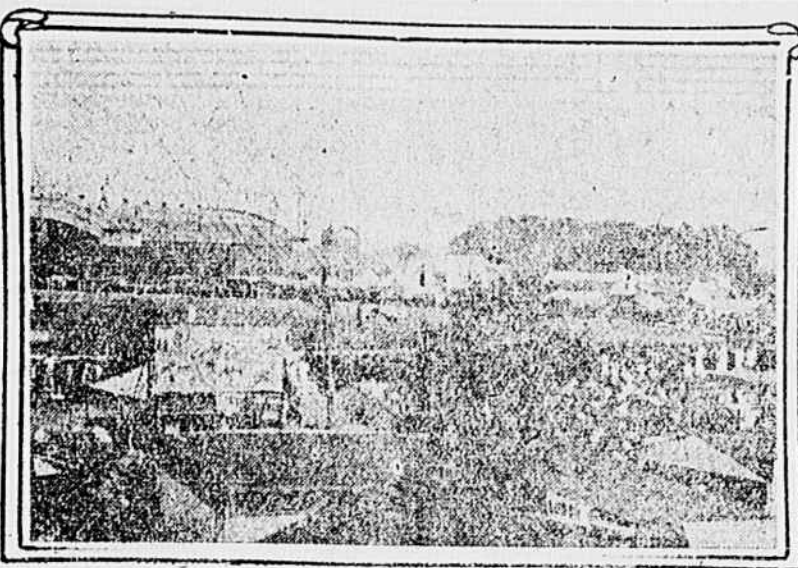
On the question of the work being done by the county agents in Virginia, President Eggleston said that there was a great future for this class of work in the agricultural development of the State. More calls are being received from counties for expert assistance, and there are no funds available to increase the present force. He indicated that he believed the next general assembly would be called upon to look into this feature of the agricultural appropriations.

EGGLESTON MUCH PLEASED WITH WORK AT BLACKSBURG

T. O. Sandy, State demonstration agent, presided at the meeting last night. He has established headquarters at Murphy's Hotel, and while not at the State Fair is in conference with the county demonstration agents and others interested in the agricultural development of the State.

President Eggleston expressed himself as very much pleased with the prospect for Virginia Polytechnic Institute and College of Agriculture this year. There are 230 new students, and the total enrollment is in the neighborhood of 500, a gain over last year's record. The school this year has practically all that the accommodation

Art Smith Keeps Fair Crowds Breathless



Birdseye view of yesterday's crowd, with Aviator Art Smith preparing to loop-the-loop just in front of the grand stand. His flying has been the sensational feature of this year's fair, and has been watched with abated breath by thousands at both afternoon and evening exhibitions.

—Photo by Foster.

Better Babies Are Examined

Judges Go Over First Class, But Do Not Announce Awards.

Henrico Colored Schools

Unique among the booths in the Administrative Building is that of the Henrico County colored schools, showing what the children of the race are accomplishing along industrial lines. It is the only exhibit that the colored people have at the State Fair.

The booth is under the management of Virginia Randolph, who twenty-one years ago, while a teacher in the colored schools of the county, originated and put into effect the idea of correlating industrial with academic training for the children of her race. Time has proven the wisdom of the innovation, and now the schools of the county devote six hours a week during the whole of the session to this phase of work.

The children are taught to can and preserve, make shuck mats, to do millinery and woodwork, cook, sew and serve in the house. Under the supervision of Virginia Randolph a splendid exhibit has been gotten together for the fair, doing much credit to the race as a whole and to her individually.

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Navy Department Shows Its Models

Interesting Exhibit of Uncle Sam's Methods of Holding Back the Invader.

In these days when "preparedness" has become the national theme, furnishing the topic of discussion at the center of the minds of learned men, the exhibit of the United States Navy Department in the Administration Building of the State Fair is of peculiar interest. No other single exhibit in the big building, perhaps, elicits so much comment as does this one, showing the means by which Uncle Sam would hold aloof the invader.

The battleship on exhibition is a perfect model of the Verrazant, ushered into service in 1906. While this war vessel is not the latest type, lacking one or two of the more recent improvements, it is, nevertheless, considered one of the most efficient ships in the navy, and would be called on to do yeoman service should Uncle Sam decide to enter the popular European pastime.

Other exhibits include models of eight-inch coast defense and four-inch navy guns; three, four, five, six, twelve and fourteen-inch shells; three and five-inch cartridges, and time and percussion fuses. Lieutenant H. E. Parsons, of the United States Navy, has charge of the exhibit.

Of scarcely less interest than the naval exhibit is that of Type D Company, Signal Corps of the Virginia Volunteers, located alongside Uncle Sam's exhibition. This organization is the sole representative of the "messengers of the army" in this State, and, for with and efficiency, ranks high in the military circles of the country.

Among the exhibits are a field wire cart, used for spreading wire for the connection of telephones and telegraph instruments over the field of battle; a telegraph instrument for the handling of code messages from distant elevations; two complete wireless equipments, pack mule paraphernalia and semaphore flags.

The Virginia Signal Corps company has a motor cycle squad, and it is said that it was the first organization of the kind in the world to carry wireless telegraph equipment in the field on these machines.

Sergeants Greenhough Johnson and T. Beverly Campbell are in charge of the State Fair exhibit.

FARM PRODUCTS SHOW PROGRESS OF STATE

Attests All Embracing Productivity of Virginia Soil, When Properly Cultivated—Hollywood in Charge.

Nothing attests in greater measure the all-embracing productivity of Virginia soil than the wonderful farm exhibits in the agricultural building of the State Fair. Corn ears of almost fabulous size, magnificent sheaves of wheat and oats, sweetest hay of nearly thirty varieties, incomparable apples and every variety of fruit, pumpkins that would make the New Englander hasten the day of the Thanksgiving pie, the best of everything that the earth returns to man adorn the booths that stretch away on either side of the spacious hall.

This building is given over entirely to individual exhibits, differing in that respect from the farm demonstration building just across the way. Most imposing of the exhibits, perhaps, is that of corn, entered in single and ten-acre lots. All kinds of the valuable grain is here—white, yellow, red and mixed of the stalk variety, and every kind and description of the pop corn that is the children's delight.

James Bellwood is in charge of these exhibits.

Model Drained Farm

Farmers visiting the State Fair will be especially interested in the booth of the Land Drainage Extension Service of the Virginia Agricultural and Mechanical College, located in the Farm Demonstration Building. No other single educational feature of more real interest to the landowner than the proper drainage of his holdings.

Charles E. Seltz, drainage engineer, is in charge of the exhibit. A model, drained farm in miniature has been laid off, showing exactly where and how the tile should be laid, and Mr. Seltz is always on hand to make any explanations that may be called for. Conspicuously arranged around the booth are charts, telling just what lands are in need of drainage, what effect the artificial drainage has, and the practical benefits accruing therefrom.

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Suffrage Speeches at Fair

There will be a number of suffrage speeches this week at the Equal Suffrage League stand, near the Better Babies Exhibit at the State Fair.

Speeches will be made to-day from 12 to 2 o'clock and again at 4:30 by the following speakers: Herman Winfrey, Rev. J. J. Wicker, Mrs. R. B. Valen-tine, Mrs. F. L. Johnson, Mrs. W. W. Foster, Miss Adele Clark, Miss Mae Schell, Miss Sallie Parker and Mr. Van Noppen, of North Carolina.

Thursday's program includes the following speakers: Mrs. John H. Lewis, of Lynchburg; Mrs. Stephen Putney, of Wytheville; Mrs. W. W. Foster, Miss Nora Houston, Miss Adele Clark, Miss Roberta Wellford, of University of Virginia; Jesse H. Duke, Miss Mary